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REMARKS

Present Status of the Application

The claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b), as being anticipated by Yang et al. (US Patent 5827437). The Office Action also rejected claims 4, 8, 10-13 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), as being unpatentable over Yang et al. (US Patent 5827437) in view of Chen et al. (US Patent 6753249). Applicants have amended the title and claims 1, 3, 8, 12 and 18, while claims 4-7, 13-14 and 19 have been cancelled. New claims 20-25 have been added. After entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-3, 8-12, 15-18 and 20-25 remain pending in the present application, and reconsideration of those claims is respectfully requested.

Discussion of Action

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According to the Office Action, the title of the invention is not descriptive. In response thereto, applicants have amended the title by replacing "METHOD OF REWORKING INTERGRATED CIRCUIT DEVICE" with "METHOD OF REWORKING LAYERS OVER SUBSTRATE" to indicate the invention to which the claim are directed.

Discussion of Office Action Rejections

The Office Action rejected claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b), as being anticipated by Yang et al. (US Patent 5827437) and the Office Action also rejected claims 4, 8, 10-13 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), as being unpatentable over Yang et al. (US Patent 5827437) in view of Chen et al. (US Patent 6753249).

Applicants respectfully assert that claims 1, 12 and 18 are amended by incorporating the subject matter of the claims 4-7, 13-14 and 19, respectively, which the Office considers as allowable subject matter; therefore claims 1, 12 and 18 are now in proper condition for allowance.

Dependent claims 2-3, 8-11, 15-17 and 20-25 are submitted to be patentably distinguishable over the prior art of record for being dependent upon an allowable base claim. Accordingly, Applicants request that the Section 102(b) rejection to claims 1-3 and the Section 103 (a) rejection to claims 4, 8, 10-13 and 18 be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that the pending claims 1-3, 8-12, 15-18 and 20-25 are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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